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1. Since about 4 September 1950 the 8th VP Bereitschaft in Dessau-Kochstedt (M 52/E 06) has been increased in strength with recruits who completed their basic training at the Dessau-Kochstedt VP school. The average age of the recruits was 19 years. *
2. Since 18 September 1950 each Kommando of the Kochstedt VP Bereitschaften has been issued about 30 Soviet submachine guns. Instructions with these submachine guns was given for one hour per day. During field training the new submachine guns were rotated through all training groups.
3. At the beginning of September 1950 the VP School in Kochstedt received about 240 recruits who had allegedly come from Bernburg (M 52/D 76) and Wittenberg (M 53/D 78), and had already been issued uniforms. Another 300 VP recruits were expected to arrive on 1 November 1950. They allegedly were still in civilian employment. On 16 and 17 October 1950 several truckloads of uniforms and boots, allegedly enough to equip 400 to 500 men, arrived at the VP school from Magdeburg (M 53/Y 60). *
4. Each combat exercise and record practice of the police from the Kochstedt post was supervised by a Soviet officer, either a captain or major. Police personnel who completed one year of service by 31 October 1950 were allegedly subjected to an examination. The examinees had to prove their ability to command a group during drill exercises and were allegedly to be promoted on 7 November 1950, the day of the Soviet October Revolution. Police who volunteered for an armored training course were to be transferred to Durg (M 53/Y 81), where an armored Bereitschaft is stationed. **
5. At the time of observation VP personnel were granted weekend furlough only in emergencies. Fifty percent of the units' personnel were required to remain in the barracks installations at all times. Every policeman going on furlough receives a furlough certificate which he is to show only to VP personnel.

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6. Every man must maintain his registration with the municipal registration office of his home town. He informs only the authorities of his entrance into VP service, and he retains his civilian identity card.

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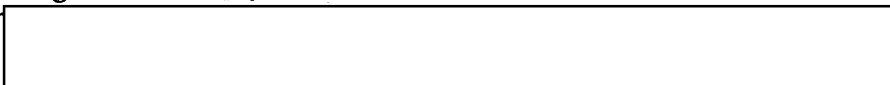
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* [] Comment. The 8th VP Bereitschaft in the Flak Kaserne, Dessau-Kochstedt, is known as a radio communication unit. [] 25X1
 [] The personnel of the Bereitschaft are reported to have completed their training in late August 1950 and were to be reassigned to signal components of other Bereitschaften.
 It is therefore possible that the 8th VP Bereitschaft was capable of absorbing 500 to 600 new recruits. It is doubted, however, that recruits should have received basic training at the Kochstedt VP school, where, so far, only officers have been given training as unit commanders. It may be that the recruits received clothing and a short basic training course at the 7th VP Bereitschaft (Inf) in Dessau-Nord. To date no Bereitschaftspolizei units and installations have been observed in Bernburg and Schoenebeck.

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* [] Comment. The 6th VP Bereitschaft (Armd) has been confirmed in Burg several times.

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